

HUERTA REPORTED READY TO RESIGN

Rumor in Mexico City That He
Will Quit Presidency and
Take Field.

STORY IS NOT CONFIRMED

Action of Captain Cowles in Re-
ceiving Rebels on Cruiser
Creates Sensation.

(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
Mexico City, December 27.—Huerta
announced to-night, it is said, that he
would resign the presidency at the end
of the year and take the field against
the rebels in person.

The reported determination of Huerta
to retire from office could not be con-
firmed. All information regarding the
matter was refused at the National
Palace.

According to the circulated report
Enrique Grooten has been decided
upon as the man to succeed Huerta as
provisional President.

The action of Captain Cowles in re-
ceiving a delegation of rebel officers on
board the cruiser California at San
Diego yesterday has caused a sensation
in diplomatic circles. Mexicans pre-
sume to believe the act was intended
as a deliberate insult to Huerta. It is
declared that the California landed a
number of mysterious packages a few
days ago. These are believed to have
contained arms and ammunition for the
rebels.

Launched flying the United States
flag are said to have landed supplies
for the rebels at Tampico recently.

Complaint has been made that United
States Consul Miller at Tampico is "an
extremely dangerous enemy of Mexico,"
and that he has furnished arms, am-
munition and other assistance to the
rebels.

Anti-American feeling is likely to be
aroused by these reports.

The German legation has been
granted permission to erect a wire-
less station here.

Well Along in Years.
Mexico City, December 27.—That
Enrique Grooten, Minister of Justice,
will become President of Mexico early
in the New Year, and that General
Huerta will take the field against the
rebels who refuse to conform to this
arrangement, is the report that has
been received with credence by some
of the diplomatic representatives here.

Grooten is to be named Minister of
Foreign Affairs, according to the story
in circulation, and General Huerta, in
which case the Foreign Minister suc-
ceeds him.

Senior Grooten is well along in
years. He was a lawyer at Monterey,
who was brought to the capital to
take the portfolio of finance, but in-
stead was appointed Minister of Jus-
tice.

The railroads are again facing the
prospect of a tie-up for lack of fuel
oil. The interruption by the rebels of
the line between Tampico and San
Diego, if maintained for a week,
would mean that not a wheel will be
turning in any portion of the national
system, according to a high railroad
authority. The Mexican line between
the capital and Vera Cruz has a suf-
ficient supply, it is said, for twenty or
thirty days.

It is believed in railroad circles that
the efforts of the rebels are being di-
rected with more vigor than hitherto
toward accomplishing this tie-up,
which would practically put the north-
ern country at their mercy.

PARIS PAPER DISAPPOINTED

Thinks White House Wedding Group
in Beauty and Smell.
(Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.)
Paris, December 27.—That the White
House wedding group is a poor adver-
tisement for the beauty of American
women and the smartness of American
men is the opinion of L'illustration,
which today reprints a photograph
published in an American newspaper
on November 28.

"Competent judges assure us," says
L'illustration, "that the United States
are overrun with beauties. We are
disappointed that the White House
wedding group doesn't show more con-
vincing specimens of that beauty. The
same photograph reprints a photo-
graph of the White House wedding
group, which is a disappointment to
decidedly of the aesthetic type."

LEAVES TENTH FOR FIRST WIFE

Man Held in \$2,000 Bail on Charge of
Abandonment.

New York, December 27.—Joseph
Kohler, thirty-nine, was arrested in the
Yorkville Court to-day on a charge
of abandonment preferred by his tenth
wife, because he had left her in favor
of his first wife, now sixty, whom he
married twenty-two years ago. He
was held in \$2,000 bail for examina-
tion on Monday.

Mrs. Martha Schmidt Kohler, wife No.
19, told the judge she married Kohler
in August, 1912, shortly after he
had been released from Sing Sing.

Surprising Cartea at work on the
vault when she unlocked the bank this
morning, Miss Carr seized a broom,
the first weapon that fell to her hands
and rushed at the robber. Cartea fled

through a window, and Miss Carr rushed
into the street, screaming for help.
A posse of citizens quickly formed and
Cartea was surrounded and captured in
the hills.

SENTENCED TO DEATH
"John Bostick," Bandit and Murderer,
to Be Hanged Early in March.
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
Los Angeles, December 27.—Ralph
Faris, who is "John Bostick," held up
and robbed several Southern Pacific
trains in California and shot and killed
Traveling Passenger Agent Montague
was today sentenced by Superior
Court Judge Craig to be hanged early
in March. The bandit admitted his
real name was Ralph Faris, and that
his home was in Bakersfield, Cal. He
had only recently returned from a trip
in the East, where he was employed as
a waiter in restaurants at Cedar Rap-
ids, Iowa, and Marion, Ind. A young
woman, who returned West with him,
is supposed to be in San Francisco.

LEGAGNEUX MAKES RECORD
French Aviator Rises to Height of
20,295 Feet.

Saint Raphael, France, December 27.
The world's altitude record for aero-
planes was broken to-day by Georges
Legagneux, the French aviator, who
ascended from the aerodrome here to a
height of 20,295 feet in his mono-
plane. The duration of his flight was
one hour and thirty-five minutes.

The highest altitude hitherto at-
tained in an aeroplane was that estab-
lished by Edmund Perreyon at Pau,
France, on March 11, when he rose
15,300 feet.

Vedrine Causes Consternation.
Jaffa, Palestine, December 27.—Julius
Vedrine, the French aviator, passed
over this port to-day on his way to
Cairo. His appearance caused con-
sternation among the inhabitants, most
of whom were ignorant of the ex-
istence of flying machines.

DO NOT FEAR SPREAD.

Doctors Have Smallpox Situation on
Warship Well in Hand.

Lewes, Del., December 27.—Two mild
cases of variola were landed to-day
from the battleship Ohio, which ar-
rived at the Delaware breakwater on
Christmas Day, with smallpox on
board. The men were taken to the
government quarantine station here.
A large quantity of baggage and a
number of hammocks were also
brought ashore and placed in a disin-
fecting chamber. If the weather con-
tinues to moderate, it is planned to
bring the crew ashore. The Ohio will
be thoroughly fumigated to-morrow,
and the government doctors say they
do not fear the disease will spread.

Double Value Sale of Swift's Pride Cleanser.
Big 10¢ Cans — our Price 5¢!

Monday morning we shall put on sale 325 cases of Swift's
Cleanser. Special conditions enabled us to secure this big pur-
chase at a price never before equaled. While they last, we offer
them at 5¢ per can, 50¢ per dozen; case of 48 cans, \$1.85.

The regular price is 10¢ per can, \$1.00 dozen.

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